

NEWSLETTER



WESTERN GRAMMAR SCHOOL

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VISION

Our vision is to be an exceptional Australian educational institute based on Islamic teachings.

Our mission is to provide quality education in a caring environment producing ethical, resilient, life-long learners.

Our motto is *"Excellence through Learning"*

Our core values are:

- Work hard and smart
- Grow purposefully and holistically
- Succeed academically and ethically



Assistant Principal's Message

By Mr Zulqarnan Malik

During the last five weeks, Western Grammar School has been involved in excursions, our school photo day, parenting programs and the knitting club. We started off with the Eid party and have just wrapped up Science Week and the Scholastic Book Fair.

Recently our debating team from Stage 4 and 5 successfully defeated Unity Grammar in the current round of the debate competition. Masha Allah, a great effort from the students who participated.

The summary results of NAPLAN have been published and as always, our students are progressing in a positive direction. We hope in the coming years students will continue to improve after the introduction of new teaching and learning strategies which have been and will be implemented this year. Our Year 12 students also completed their mock trials in Week 4. We wish them the very best in their future exams.

Alhamdulillah, WGS staff and students will be assisting the homeless on Saturday at Martin place and for the next two weeks collecting funds for the Orphan project. May Allah reward our staff and students for their generous donations and changing the lives of children around the world.

Finally, I would like to thank our staff, students and parents for their contribution towards WGS to make it a safe and happy place of learning.

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Notices

Uniform

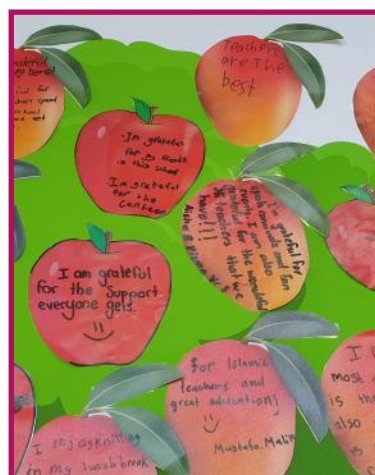
Please note that students who are wearing the incorrect uniform and do not have a note from parents/carers will be sent to the office. The parents/carers will be called to bring the correct uniform. If parents cannot provide the correct uniform the child will be sent home. The incident will then be recorded.

Shop Timings

Due to COVID-19 restrictions, the uniform shop will only be open on Mondays and Thursdays from 8:30am-2:00pm. Parents should contact the school office for assistance.

Gratitude Tree

Our Wellbeing Club set up a 'Gratitude Tree' under the supervision of Ms. Kaukab as part of the ongoing celebrations for the ten-year anniversary of WGS. Students participated by jotting down what they were grateful for in the school on cuttings of various beautiful fruit like mangoes, apples and bananas and pasted them on the tree. Students wrote their tributes in their own words. Teachers and staff also participated by sharing what they were thankful for. May Allah Almighty shower His benevolence & prosperity on our school.



“Education is one thing no one can take away from you.”
—Elin Nordegren



Book Fair

That time of the year has finally arrived for the booklovers of WGS! The annual Scholastic Book Fair started in Week 4, and it has been a great success.

Aside from providing an opportunity for students to access new literature, the book fair helps us stock up on resources to enrich our students' education. More books means more choice, which means students get to read the books they want to read. The right book can ignite a passion for reading, so we encourage parents to work together to create a reading culture at home. Reading expands the mind and nourishes the imagination. We believe the best selection encompasses books suitable for both girls and boys within each age group, captures their imaginations and gets them excited to read more.

Stories of the Prophets

This term, the Year 11 Islamic Studies class worked together with Ms. Matthews to put together a book of stories about the Prophets. They designed this book to help readers understand and rejoice in the lessons derived from the lives of the 25 Prophets mentioned in the Quran. Each story is an accurate account of one of the Prophets' lives, teaching readers of the morals found therein, and is accompanied by unique and colorful illustrations all drawn by students.

Our Prophets are role models for us in times of adversity and plenty, and their lives contain excellent lessons for all of us. Each and every story expresses Allah's mercy, generosity, and blessings while also exploring the consequences Allah gives out to those who disobey Him after multiple warnings. The Year 11 students were extremely grateful for this opportunity that was given to them to contribute to the benefit of others.



Important Dates

Week 7:

F: Athletics Carnival

Week 8:

W: First Aid Course

F: 10 Year Anniversary

Week 9

F: Year 11 Exams

Week 10:

F: Last Day of Term 3

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Eid Party

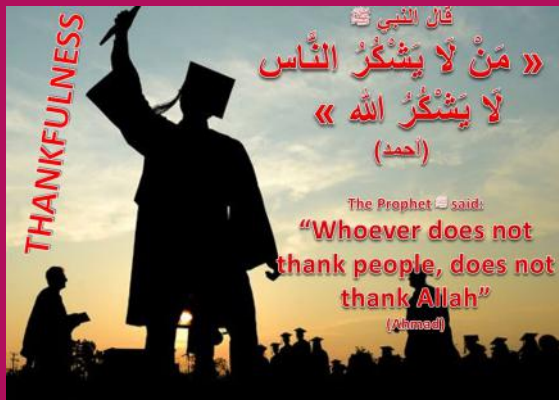
On Friday the 29th of July, Western Grammar School was filled with lots of smiles and laughter as we celebrated Eid ul Adha with an Eid Party!

Students and teachers enjoyed their time on the jumping castle, arcade racing games, Nerf battles, a petting zoo and many other fun competitions. They were also treated to face painting, henna and food stalls run entirely by students.

JazakAllah khair to everyone involved.



Hadith of the Week



Homeless Drive

Alhamdulillah our Year 12 students, with the Well-being team, participated in the Brothers in Need Homeless Run during Week 4.

After many weeks of collecting essential items from students, parents and staff, we were finally able to deliver them to the warehouse, sort and package them, and then visit Martin Place to hand the items out.

While some students accompanied the Brothers in Need staff on a walk of the streets of the city, handing out hot food, fruit, drinks and a dessert, others stayed and distributed the items to people gathered to collect much needed food.

Needless to say, this experience was a real eye opener for all involved. Students were both humbled and honoured to witness what Brothers in Need do and were also inspired to do more in the future insha Allah.

A HUGE JazakAllahu khairan to all parents who so generously donated essential items for this outreach program, to the Brothers in Need team for allowing this to happen and for all they do, and to the Well-being team for the support and encouragement of this event.

Lastly, JazakAllahu khairan to the Year 12 students for your effort throughout this process and working so well as a team to do what was needed to make this happen. May Allah accept it from us all, Ameen.

